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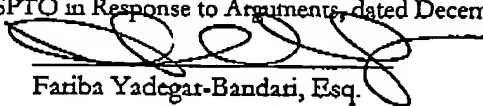
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Application No.	:	10/816,432
Applicant	:	Ravkin et al.
Filed	:	March 31, 2004
Title	:	SUBSTRATE BRUSH SCRUBBING AND PROXIMITY CLEANING- DRYING SEQUENCE USING COMPATIBLE CHEMISTRIES, AND METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME
Examiner	:	Bibi S. Carrillo
Atty. Docket No.	:	LAM2P463
Date	:	December 12, 2005

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For: SUBSTRATE BRUSH SCRUBBING AND	)	Date: December 12, 2005
PROXIMITY CLEANING-DRYING	)	
SEQUENCE USING COMPATIBLE	)	
CHEMISTRIES, AND METHOD,	)	
APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR	)	
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Dear Sir:

The subject paper is in response to the undersigned responsible attorney telephonic interviews of Examiner Bibi S. Carrillo on December 7, 2005, December 8, 2005, and December 12, 2005. During the telephonic interviews, the undersigned was advised by Examiner Carrillo that the United States Patent No. 6,951,042 to Mikhaylichenko et al. (Mikhaylichenko) and U.S. Publication No.: 2005/0132515 to Boyd et al. (Boyd) can be considered as possible prior art, and as such, can be used to reject claims 10 and 24 of the

Appl. No. 10/816,432

Amendment, Dated December 12, 2005

Reply to Telephonic Conferences with the Examiner on December 7, 2005, December 8, 2005, and December 12, 2005

subject application under 35 U.S.C. section 103(c). The undersigned was further advised by Examiner Carrillo that the U.S. Publication No.: 2004/0060573 to Woods can also be considered as possible prior art, and as such, can be used to reject claims 1, 10, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. section 103(c).

It is respectfully submitted that Mikhaylichenko, Boyd, Woods, and the subject application were, at the time the subject invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person or organization, namely, Lam Research Corporation. Accordingly, Mikhaylichenko, Boyd, and Woods do not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (c). See MPEP § § 706.02(l) and 2146. Therefore, the Applicants kindly request that Mikhaylichenko, Boyd, and Woods be withdrawn as references.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6913. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P463).

Respectfully submitted,  
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